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SUBJECT: SECRETARY MEETS HUA; HOLBROOKE TO VISIT TAIPEI -

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SUMMARY: PRO-PRC PAPER IN HONG KONG PUTS A FAVORABLE CONSTRUCTION ON HUA'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND HOLBROOKE'S MISSION TO TAIPEI. END SUMMARY.

1. A COMMENTARY ENTITLED "THE CLIMAX OF VANCE'S STAY IN PEKING" IN PRC-SUPPORTED "NEW EVENING POST" AUGUST 25 SAYSP CHAIRMAN HUA'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY ALLOWS THE SECRETARY TO "RETURN WITH HIS MISSION COMPLETED." THE PAPER ADDED THAT MR. VANCE IS THE FIRST WESTERN GUEST HUA HAS MET SINCE THE PARTY CONGRESS AND SINCE HE WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN (ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT CHONA "IS NOT FROM THE WEST; HE IS ONLY AN AFRICAN GUEST.") THE COMMENTARY ALSO CITED WESTERN NEWS REPORTS SAYING THE RESULTS OF SECRETARY VANCE'S TALKS WITH VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING ARE MORE THAN EXPECTED AND THAT HUA'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY INDICATES THE TALKS HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GONE WELL.

2. THE SECOND PART OF THE COMMENTARY STATES THAT IF THERE WERE NO RESULTS FROM THE PEKING TALKS, IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO SEND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE TO TAIPEI TO BRIEF TAIWAN'S LEADERS. WHILE HOLBROOKE'S VISIT CAN BE SEEN AS GIVING "THE

CHIANG GANG" FACE, IT CAN ALSO BE USED TO "NOTIFY THEM OF SOMETHING." IT NOTES THAT THE USG PREVIOUSLY HAD SENT A SPECIAL EMISSARY TO TAIPEI ONLY AFTER PRESIDENT NIXON SIGNED THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

THE COMMENTS ENDS BY NOTING REPORTS THAT AMBASSADOR UNGER WHO WILL ACCOMPANY HOLBROOKE IN CALILING ON CHIANG CHING-KUO, WILL SOON BE GOING ON HOME LEAVE "WITHOUT RETURNING", THEREBY "IN REALITY REDUCING THE U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH CHIANG FROM AN"AMBASSADOTIRAL LEVEL" TO A "LIAISON OFFICE LEVEL"."

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